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Your recent letter to the Department of National Defense has been forwarded to me for reply.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the National Security Act of 1947, which sets forth the functions of the Central Intelligence Agency. You will note under Section 101 thereof that the National Security Council is established independently, and is not incorporated into this Agency. You will note further from Section 102 that the Central Intelligence Agency is under the direction of the National Security Council.

In answer to your two specific questions: The Central Intelligence Agency is an independent agency under the direction of the National Security Council. It is not a branch of the Department of Defense. For reasons of security, it is not possible to set forth the information requested by your second question. If you are interested in applying for a position with this Agency, it will be necessary to fill out the forms which I am enclosing herewith, and to return them to us for consideration.

Sincerely,

*signed - via ER 1/20/50*  
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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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